

AREA 88

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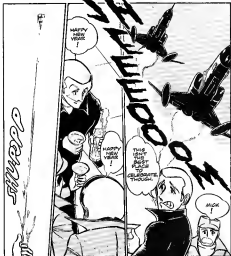
A Chance Magazine Article
Gives Ryoko a Faint Clue
Where Shin Might Be...
But Not How To Find Him

VIZ
COMICS



Mission 8

Love Beyond
Reach





SHEEEEOOM

SAH TO CONTROL,
IM ENTERING
THE CORBAT
ZONE NOW

CONTROL TO
SAH, HAVE NEW
INFORMATION
ABOUT YOUR
TARGET!

IM
LISTENING

THERE'S AN
ANTI-AIRCRAFT
MISSILE
LAUNCHER
ALONG THE
STREET TRACK

BE
CAREFUL,
DON'T
TAKE
THOSE
NEW
HEAD
GIRL

ROGER
!

A PRESENT
SPOTTING
SIR, I
DON'T AGREE
THAT!



THIS IS
A NEW
YEAR'S
PARTY...
CONCEPT STYLE!

THE
FIRST
TO GET
THE
PARTY...
DIES!

SO FINE,
ARE YOU
GOING?

PLANS
TO GO
THERE!

DID YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
THAT?

ROGER

LET'S
GO!

POW

BOOM

LET'S
GO!

LET'S
GO!

LET'S
GO!

LET'S
GO!

LET'S
GO!



WELCOME!
AND LIKE
TO THANK
YOU FOR
COMING TO
OUR AIRLINES
NEW YEAR'S
PARTY

THERE'S
PLENTY
OF FOOD
AND
DRINK, SO
PLEASE
ENJOY
YOURSELVES
!



GOOD
EVENING
!

WELL
THANK YOU!
YOU LOOK
SO
BEAUTIFUL
THAN EVER
THE
EVENING!

PLEASE--
RELAX
AND ENJOY
YOURSELVES
!

GOOD
EVENING,
WELL
THANK YOU
!

WELL
!

WELL
THIS
EVENING



THANK
YOU
FOR
THE
EVENING!

HELLO
HOW
ARE
YOU
?

HO, HO, HO--
GUESS!



IT'S
SAM!

WHERE?
??

HERE
-THE
SIDE
OF
THIS
PHOTO!

THUNDER

AND THERE'S
SUIT FROM I MET WITH
THE LONG HAIR AND THE
SCAR... WHAT WAS HIS NAME?
OH, FRANK... AND-YES!
HE WAS THE MAN ON
THE PLANE THE
OTHER DAY!

I
CAN'T
TELL
MORE
ABOUT
THE
MAN
ON
THE
OUT-
OF-
ROCKS.

AND I
THINK I KNOW
AN ASSHOLE
FROM ROTTER-
DAM, FROM
ALL THE
PICTURES
YOU'VE
SHOWN
ME...

GIVE
TO
ME

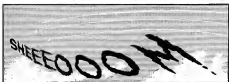
PHOTO
BY
TRUCKY
HE
JUST
BE
THE
CAMERA-
MAN
AND
TOOK
THE
PICTURE.

IT'S
FINISHED
BY... YES,
WORLD'S
FINISH...









OH SCARBOROUGH BLAST
CALL ME??

NO?

WHA-- IF
ALERT HAVE
BEEN MY
ASSASSINATION...

I
THOUGHT
I
HEARD
SCARBOROUGH
CALL
MY
NAME...

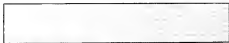


OH
GOD
YOUR
PULS
IS
LEAKING

WHAT??

DOWN!
A
WAVE
OF
SHOCKWAVE
WIP MY
PLANE
WHEN
THE
MACHINE
THAT
GROUND
ATTACK...





I UNDERSTAND
IT'S NOT EASY
FOR A
COUNTRY TO
BE THREATENED
ABOUT THEIR
NATIONAL
MILITARY
SECRETS...

THEY CAN'T
TELL US
SOMETHING IN THE
MATTER IS SEN-
SITIVE...

BUT THE MAN
IN THAT
PHOTO
MAY NOT
BEEN
BIG HIT
KOREANS.

IT
COULD BE
SOMEONE
WHO LOOKS
JUST LIKE
LIFE...

NO
IT'S BEEN
IT'S ABSOLUTELY
SURE.

ONE OF
MY OLD
FRIENDS HAS
OBTAINED
KNOWLEDGE OF
MILITARY
MATTERS WOULD
YOU LIKE TO
SEE HIM
TOMORROW?

YES! I'LL GO
ANYTIME!
IS ONLY
I CAN
GET
YOUR
SURE...

MY NAME
IS BRYAN.
PLEASED TO
MEET YOU.

THE CIVIL WAR
IN AFGHAN.

WELL...

THAT'S A COM-
PLICATED
MATTER.

BUT
IT'S
NOT
ONLY
LEAD.

AMMUNITION...

BLAST
??

THEY'RE
RESEARCHING...

THEY'RE USING
DIFFERENT
MATERIALS AND
THEY HAVE
RANDOM
BUDGETS
OF BOMB.

AND
IT'S ALL
FOR
FORCE!

WARRIORS
WARRIORS

YES
YOU
SEE
THEM
ALL
OVER
AFGHAN
AND
THE
MIDDLE
EAST

BUT IF
YOU
ARE
POOR,
ANY
MORE
RESEARCH?
THAT
WOULD
COST
THEM
A LOT
MORE
MONEY.

ESPECIALLY
IN CASE
WHERE A POOR
COUNTRY
IS FORCED
INTO A
WAR...

AND... IT'S
TRUE THAT IN
THE CASE OF
COUNTRY
CONSTITUTIONS,
COUNTRY
CONSTITUTIONS
ARE
DIFFERENT...





BUT IT'S
QUITE
DIFFERENT
IN THE
CASE
OF THE
MILITARY

IT TAKES
AN ENORMOUS
AMOUNT OF
TIME AND MONEY
TO TURN
ANYONE INTO
A FULL-FLEDGED
FIGHTING
MAN



A JET FIGHTER
COSTS TEN MILLION
DOLLARS, BUT IT
ONLY TO TRAIN A
PILOT TO USE THAT
FIGHTER, YOU NEED
TRAINING FACILITIES,
MONEY, AND TIME
AND THAT CAN BE
MORE EXPENSIVE
THAN THE PLANE
ITSELF!

COULD BE
YOU WOULD TO
HAVE TRAINING
SCHOOLS HIGH
AND A READY
EXPERIENCED
WITH THE
SOLDIERS

SO YOU
SEE, IT'S MUCH
CHEAPER THAN
TRAINING
THOSE COM
PEOPLE



YOUR
INTEREST—
ON
SCHOOL, IS



THAT'S
ALL
RIGHT

WELL IS
MORE THAN
A BOYFRIEND
TO ME



I
HEARD
THAT
HE WAS
DISAPPEARED
IN 1981...

YES

BUT...
I'M
SURE
THE
MAN
IN THE
PICTURE
IS HIM



THE ONLY
GLASS I CAN
MAKE IS THAT
HE VOLUNTEERED
TO FIGHT IN A
MERCENARY
UNIT.

THERE
ARE MANY
RECRUITMENT
OFFICES FOR
SUCH THINGS
IN AREA.



AND
SHE
WOULD
NEVER
DO
THAT!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!
HE HAS A
PROVEN
RECORD AS
A PILOT
FOR OUR
ARMY!



SEVERAL YEARS
AGO, THERE WAS
AN INCIDENT LIKE
THIS. A DARK-HEADED
FOREIGN SOLDIER
SIGNED A PAPER
WITHOUT KNOWING
WHAT HE WAS
DOING. HE WAS
FORCED INTO A
MERCENARY ARMY
ON THE SPOT.

ONCE
YOU SIGN
THOSE
CONTRACTS,
YOU ARE
UNDER
THEIR
MILITARY
LAW.



I'VE
HEARD
THAT
THE
MERCENARY
LAWS OF
ARABIA
ARE
APPLIED
TO AREA
NUMBER 00.

IS
NOT
SURE
OF THIS—
I THINK
THE CASE—
BUT I
BELIEVE
THE AREA
CHIEF'S
WORD IS
AREAS 00
THROUGH
00.

AREA
00-00

HE
ALWAYS
THOUGHT HE
WAS SAVING
SOME KIND OF
FUTURITY.



RECENT DATA TELLS ME THAT AREA 81 WAS DESTROYED BY A NUCLEAR MISSILE LAST YEAR.

I'VE ALSO HEARD THAT AREA 82 AND 83 WERE COMBINED WITH AREA 84 AND THAT AREA 80 AND 87 WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE REGULAR FORCE.

SO THEN AREA 85, 86 AND 88 ARE THE ONLY ONES LEFT, RIGHT?



YES, VERY LIKELY THERE IS NO LAST EXTREMITY, HOWEVER.

BUT I THINK THE MESSIAH IS PROBABLY IN AREA 80.

WHY?

HERE A FLIGHT IS HE NOT?

AN AIRPLANE CRASH...?



AREA 80 AND 83 ARE HELICOPTERS COMING TO ASSIST RESCUING TROOPS.

ONLY AREA 81 AND 82 WERE LONG STAY WING AIRCRAFT SUCH AS JET FIGHTERS, AND NOW THAT AREA 81 IS NO MORE.



THEN THEN WHY IS IN AREA 80? ISN'T HE?

JUST WONDERFUL NEWS!

BEHOLDING, THIS IS ONLY MY SPECULATION.



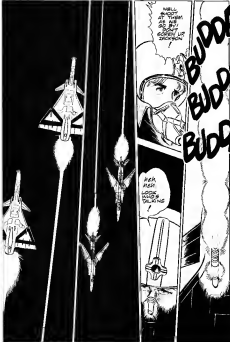
STAND UP AND
SAY SOMETHING
TO ME!
HE
WOULD
SHAMELY
BE DEAD
NOW!

AND IF
THAT SCENARIO
IS TRUE
YOU'LL BE
FOLLOWING
ME TOWARD
TO.



THUNDER
BOOM

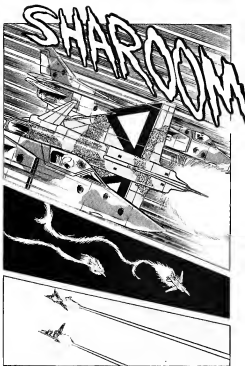




WELL, ABOUT
AT THE
AS THE
SO THE
DO THE
GIVEN
THAT

BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA

WELL,
ABOUT
AT THE
AS THE
SO THE
DO THE
GIVEN
THAT









TO BE CONTINUED...